

ABSTRACT

In one embodiment, a pre-engaging orthodontic bracket includes a body having a lingual surface for attachment to a tooth, a pair of laterally spaced gingival tie wings and a pair of laterally spaced occlusal tie wings. The gingival and occlusal tie wings project from a labial surface of the body. An archwire slot extends mesiodistally across the body and between the gingival and occlusal tie wings at opposed mesial and distal sides of the body to accomodate an archwire. A shutter is moveable between an open position in which placement and removal of an archwire is facilitated, and a closed position in which placement and removal of an archwire is inhibited.